

Important Wildlife Sanctuaries & Bird Sanctuaries in India



Wildlife Sanctuary

- Wild life - includes any animal, aquatic or land vegetation which forms part of any habitat
- A wildlife sanctuary is an area where animals are protected in their natural habitat.
- Such areas are created with the purpose of protecting, propagating or developing wildlife or its environment.
- Wildlife sanctuaries of India are classified as IUCN Category IV protected areas.
- IUCN - International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
- There are 564 existing wildlife sanctuaries in India covering an area of 1,22,509.33 km², which is 3.73% of the geographical area of the country (National Wildlife Database, Dec. 2021).
- As per Chapter IV of WPA 1972 - WLS- The State Government may, by notification, declare its intention to constitute any area other than an area comprised within any reserve forest or the territorial waters as a sanctuary if it considers that such area is of adequate ecological, faunal, floral, geomorphological, natural or zoological significance, for the purpose of protecting, propagating or developing wildlife or its environment.

National parks

- Are given a greater degree of protection, with human activity greatly restricted.
- National parks in India are IUCN category II protected area

Biosphere Reserve

- Biosphere reserves are protected large areas of natural habitat, that includes a national park and animal wildlife sanctuary. There are 18 biosphere reserves in India, created to demonstrate a balanced relationship between people and nature.

Largest Wildlife Sanctuary by area :

- Kachchh Desert Wildlife Sanctuary (7506.22 km²) – in Gujarat

Smallest Wildlife Sanctuary by area :

- Rowe Island Wildlife Sanctuary (0.01 km²) - in Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- Dr. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary - (Pitti Bird Sanctuary) Wildlife Sanctuary (0.01 km²) - in Lakshadweep

Oldest Wildlife Sanctuary of India :

- Vedanthangal Lake Bird Wildlife Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu
- Year of Notification – 1936

Andaman & Nicobar Islands

- Barren Island Wildlife Sanctuary
- Narcondam Island Wildlife Sanctuary
- Rowe Island Wildlife Sanctuary
- Bamboo Island
- Lohabarrack (Saltwater Crocodile)
- Galathea Bay



Endangered Narcondam HORNBILLS

Lakshadweep

- Dr. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary - (Pitti Bird Sanctuary)

Ladakh

- Changthang
- Karakoram (Nubra Shyok) WLS

J&K

- Hirapora WLS
- Surinsar Mansar WLS
- Tral WLS

Himachal Pradesh

- Pong Dam Lake Wildlife Sanctuary
- Kibber WLS
- Dhauladhar WLS

Uttarakhand

- Govind Pashu Vihar WLS
- Nandhaur WLS
- Jhilmi Jheel Conservation Reserve (Bird)

Punjab

- Harike Lake WLS
- Abohar WLS
- Nangal WLS
- Bir Motibagh WLS

Haryana

- Chhilchhila Lake WLS
- Kalesar WLS
- Bhindawas Bird Sanctuary
- Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary

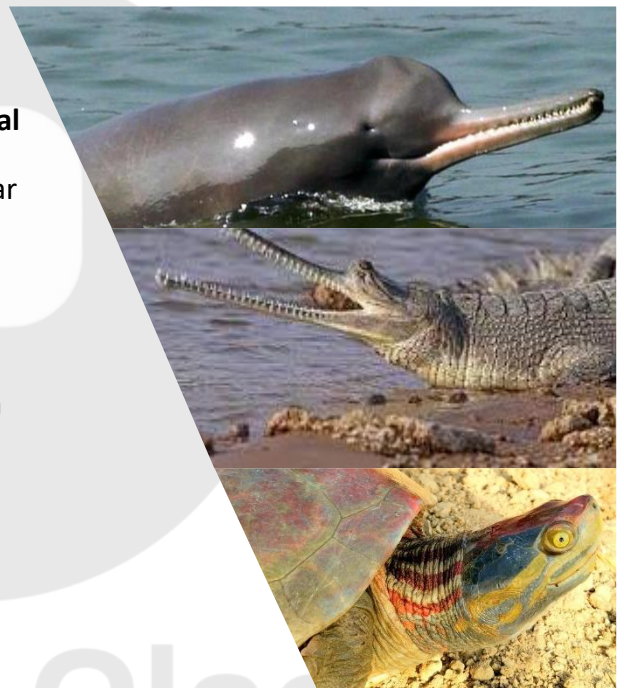


Rajasthan

- National Chambal Sanctuary
- Bassi Wildlife Sanctuary
- Mount Abu Wildlife Sanctuary
- Nahargarh Wildlife Sanctuary
- Sariska Wildlife Sanctuary
- Phulwari Ki Nal
- Sitamata (famous for flying squirrels)
- Tal Chhapar
- Jamwa Ramgarh



- **National Chambal Sanctuary (National Chambal Gharial WLS)** - Located on Chambal River near tripoint of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh - for Critically Endangered gharial, red-crowned roof turtle and Endangered Ganges river dolphin.
- **Mount Abu Sanctuary** - has the highest peak in Rajasthan, Guru Shikhar (1722 m).
- **Sariska WLS** - It is the first reserve in the world with successfully relocated tigers



Gujarat



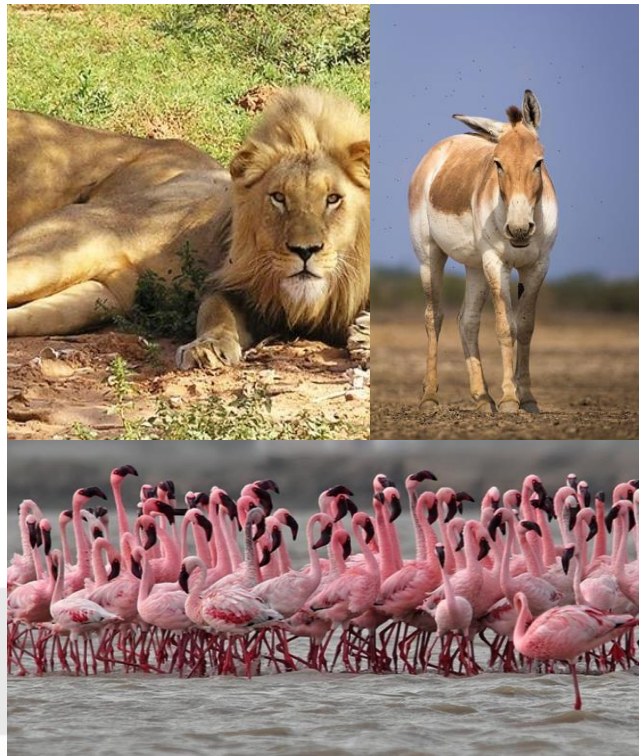
- Gaga WLS (Great Indian Bustard)
- Gir WLS (Asiatic Lions)
- Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary
- Wild Ass Wildlife Sanctuary
- Thol Lake Wildlife Sanctuary
- Purna Wildlife Sanctuary
- Porbandar Bird WLS
- Kachchh (Lala) Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary
- Kachchh Desert WLS
- Jessore Sloth Bear WLS
- Ratanmahal Sloth Bear WLS
- Khol-Hi-Raitan (Morni Hills) WLS

- Gir WLS - Asiatic Lions
- Wild Ass WLS - Indian wild ass (*Equus hemionus khur*), also called Ghudkhur, Khur
- Kachchh Desert WLS – largest WLS in area - covers 'Flamingo City' – a site where thousands of Flamingos nest and breed regularly



Maharashtra

- Melghat WLS
- Bor Wildlife Sanctuary
- Nandur Madhmeshwar Bird Sanctuary
- Nagzira Wildlife Sanctuary
- Naigaon Peacock WLS
- Karanja Sohal Blackbuck
- Thane Creek Flamingo



Madhya Pradesh

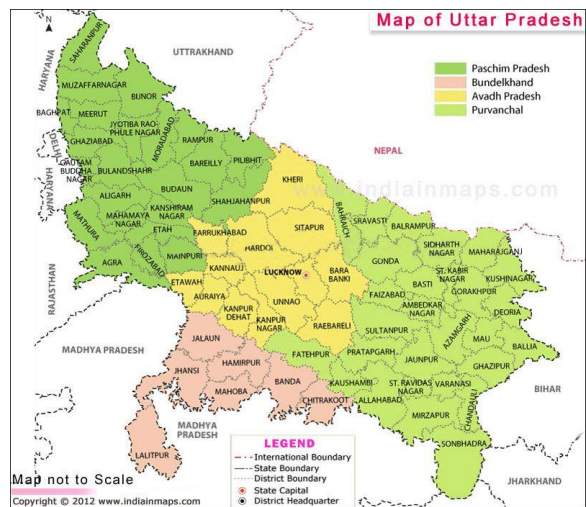
- Bori Wildlife Sanctuary
- Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary
- Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary
- Orcha Wildlife Sanctuary
- Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary
- Ken Gharial
- Sardarpur Kharmor (Lesser Florican) sanctuary (Kharmor or 'Grass Peacock')



- Nauradehi WLS – Largest in M.P.
- Great Indian Bustard WLS (Jawaharlal Nehru Bustard Sanctuary of Maharashtra) is for the Great Indian bustard (*Ardeotis nigriceps*)

Uttar Pradesh

- Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Bird WLS
- Chandra Shekhar Azad (Nawabganj) Bird WLS
- Patna Wildlife Sanctuary
- Pilibhit Wildlife Sanctuary
- Turtle WLS
- Nawabganj Priyadarshini Bird Sanctuary (Renamed as Shahid Chandra Shekhar Azad Bird Sanctuary)
- Saman Bird Sanctuary
- Samaspur Bird Sanctuary
- Sandi Bird Sanctuary
- Soor Sarovar Bird Sanctuary



Bihar

- Barela Jheel Salim Ali Bird Wildlife Sanctuary
- Valmiki Wildlife Sanctuary (National Park)
- Kanwarjheel
- Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Wildlife Sanctuary
- Gautam Budha Wildlife Sanctuary

Chhatisgarh

- Tamor Pingla WLS
- Sitanadi WLS
- Achanakmar WLS
- Udanti Wild Buffalo WLS

Jharkhand

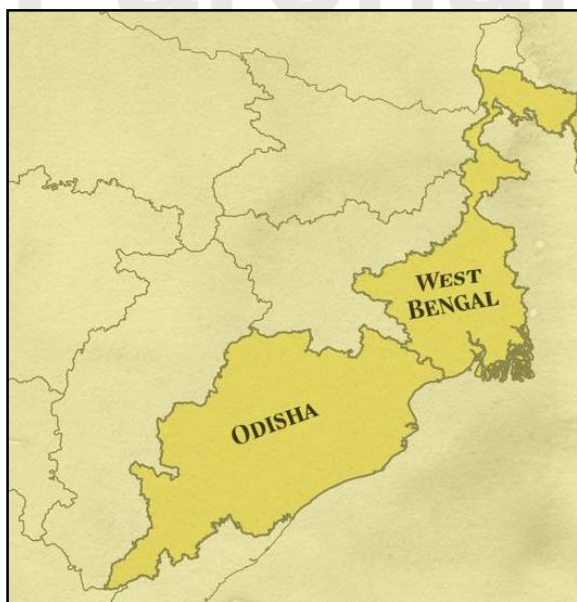
- Gautam Budha Wildlife Sanctuary
- Mahuadanr Wolf WLS (महुआडांड)
- Hazaribagh Wildlife Sanctuary
- Palamau Wildlife Sanctuary
- Palkot Wildlife Sanctuary

West Bengal

- Buxa Wildlife Sanctuary
- Jorepokhri Salamander WLS
- Pakhi Bitan Bird WLS
- Lothian Island WLS
- Haliday Island WLS

Odisha

- Bhitarkanika Wildlife Sanctuary
- Gahirmatha (Marine) Wildlife Sanctuary
- Chilika (Nalaban) Wildlife / Nalabana Bird Sanctuary.
- Nandankanan Wildlife Sanctuary
- Satkosia Wildlife Sanctuary Gorge
- Simlipal Wildlife Sanctuary





- Bhitarkanika WLS - second largest mangrove ecosystem in India
- Gahirmatha Marine WLS - the only marine sanctuary of Orissa - famous for its nesting beach for Olive Ridley Turtles.
- Nandankanan WLS - famous for its white tigers.
- Simlipal WLS - derives its name from the abundance of red silk cotton trees (सेमल) growing in the area. It is also a Biosphere Reserve.

Goa

- Dr. Salim Ali Bird (Chorao) WLS
- Bhagwan Mahavir WLS
- Netravali WLS

Karnataka

- **Cauvery WLS**
- Chincholi WLS
- **Daroji Sloth Bear WLS**
- Gudekote Sloth Bear WLS
- Rangayyanadurga Four-horned antelope WLS
- Adichunchunagiri Peacock WLS
- Ranebennur Black Buck WLS
- Ramadevara Betta Vulture WLS
- Yadahalli Chinkara WLS
- Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary



Telangana

- Kawal WLS
- Kinnersani WLS
- Manjeera Crocodile WLS

Andhra Pradesh

- **Coringa WLS**
- Kolleru WLS
- Krishna WLS
- Nagarjuna Sagar-Srisailem WLS
- **Pulicat Lake WLS**
- **Sri Lankamalleswara Wildlife Sanctuary**



- **Cauvery WLS** – in Karnataka, highly endangered grizzled giant squirrel is found here
- **Daroji Sloth Bear WLS** - Asia's first sloth bear Sanctuary
- **Coringa WLS** – critically endangered white backed and long billed vultures found here.
- **Pulicat Lake (A.P. & T.N.)** is the second largest brackish-water eco-system in India after Chilka lake in Odisha.
- **Sri Lankamalleshwara WLS** - is the only habitat in the world which provides home for the Jerdon's courser, a highly endangered bird species.

Kerala

- Idukki Wildlife Sanctuary
- Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary
- Chulannur Peafowl WLS
- Chinnar WLS
- Thattekad Bird Sanctuary (Salim Ali described this sanctuary as the richest bird habitat on peninsular India).
- Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary (also known as Vembanad Bird Sanctuary).

Tamil Nadu

- Kalakad Wildlife Sanctuary
- Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary
- Pulicat Lake Bird Wildlife Sanctuary
- Srivilliputhur Wildlife Sanctuary (Grizzled Squirrel WLS)
- Vedanthangal Lake Bird WLS (oldest WLS)
- Gangaikondam Spotted Deer



Tamil Nadu

Koonthangulam Bird Sanctuary

This is the largest reserve for breeding water birds in South India.

Thiruppudai- Maruthur Conservation Reserve (Bird)

first Conservation Reserve to be established in India.

Arunachal Pradesh

- Dibang Wildlife Sanctuary
- Eagle Nest Wildlife Sanctuary
- Kamlang Wildlife Sanctuary
- Pakke (Pakhui) Wildlife Sanctuary
- Tale Wildlife Sanctuary
- Sessa Orchid

Assam

- Deepor Beel Wildlife Sanctuary
- Dihing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary
- Pabitora Wildlife Sanctuary
- Hollongapar Gibbon
- Sonai Rupai



Sikkim

- Barsey Rhododendron WLS
- Shingba Rhododendron WLS
- Kyongnosla Alpine

Tripura

- Gumti Wildlife Sanctuary

Mizoram

- Dampa Wildlife Sanctuary

Manipur

- Jiri Makru WLS
- Khongjaingamba Ching WLS



- **Eagle Nest WLS** – It is a part of Kameng Elephant Reserve. Eagle Nest derives its name from Red Eagle Division of the Indian Army which was posted in this area in 1950s.
- **Pabitora WLS** - popularly known as ‘miniature Kaziranga’ for its highest density of one horned Rhinoceros in Assam.



Nagaland

- Singphan WLS

Meghalaya

- Narpuh Wildlife Sanctuary
- Siju Wildlife Sanctuary
- Baghmara Pitcher Plant Sanctuary
- Nongkhylllem WLS



- Puducherry – Oussudu WLS
- Chandigarh - Sukhna Lake WLS
- Delhi - Asola Bhati (Indira Priyadarshini) WLS
- Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu – Fudam WLS

<u>Bird Sanctuary</u>	<u>Location</u>
Khonoma Nature Conservation and Tragopan sanctuary	Nagaland
Nalabana Bird Sanctuary	Odisha
Harike Pattan Bird Sanctuary	Punjab
Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary (Keoladeo National Park)	Rajasthan
Kitam Bird Sanctuary	Sikkim
Udhuwa Lake Bird Sanctuary	Jharkhand
City Bird Sanctuary (Also called Parrot Bird Sanctuary)	Chandigarh
Dr. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary	Chorao island, Goa
Pitti Bird Sanctuary	Lakshadweep
Okhla Bird Sanctuary	on Delhi-Uttar Pradesh state border